

Agricultural Business – On-Campus & Online

College of Agricultural Sciences

Agribusiness involves the entire process of getting from farm to fork, including producing, processing, distributing, and selling food and agricultural products. The Agricultural Business major prepares students to manage operations in this broad sector. The program combines agricultural science, economics, and business management, with attention to practical decision-making and industry experience.

Students choose from one of three concentrations: **Agricultural Economics, Farm and Ranch Management, or Food Systems**. Each provides a focused set of courses related to specific areas of the food and agriculture industry. Students are encouraged to gain experiences outside the classroom to support their career development, including internships, study abroad, and connecting with industry professionals. A key to career success in this field is building strong relationships throughout your college/career journey (networking) and gaining hands-on experience through experiential learning.

Entry Level Employers

Bank of Colorado
Five Rivers Cattle Feeders
Nutrien
Barnes Ranches, Inc.
Simplot
Bejo Seeds, Inc.
Colorado Department of
Revenue
Self-Employed

Entry Level Job Titles

Customer Service Manager
Sales Associate
Herdsman
Digital Sales Specialist
(Precision Ag)
Tax Examiner
Farm Manager
Credit Analyst

Mid-Level Positions

May require more experience or education
Program Analyst
Extension Educator
Applied Research Manager
Risk Management Consultant
Senior Corporate Operations
Specialist
Procurement Manager
Financial Analyst
Marketing Manager
Indigenous Lands Program
Director

Many more career pathways exist beyond these examples, which include a mix of verified roles held by CSU grads and common career paths.

Earning Potential & Financial Wellbeing

Typical earnings for Bachelor's degree holders are **86% higher** than those with a high school diploma.

87% of Bachelor's degree holders report **financial wellbeing** (20 points higher than groups with any other level of education).

Median lifetime earnings are **\$1.2 million higher** for bachelor's degree holders.

Source: [APLU](#)

Explore Major-Specific CSU
Alum Live Career Data:
<https://col.st/omby6>





Gaining Experience



Learning through direct experiences and active engagement is called experiential learning.

These opportunities help you build CSU Career Competencies (skills employers highly value across all industries).

Internship Possibilities

- Colorado Seed Lab
- Anthony Vineyards
- National Cattleman's Beef Association
- AgNext
- National Western Stock Show
- United States Meat Export Federation
- Nutrien
- CoBank
- CSU Extension Internships

Research Opportunities

CAS Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Explore MURALS, CURC, and TILT OURA Lab

How to find a research experience in science

On-Campus Employment

On-campus employment helps you build your network and develop career competencies while earning money.

Apply for on-campus employment year-round on Handshake.

More experiential learning opportunities for Ag Business students

Trading & Simulation Room for real-time market data and trading analysis

Join Farmers Union Club, Collegiate Farm Bureau Club, or other clubs, orgs and competitive teams.

Study abroad for a summer or a semester

Ag Business Student Stories

Current Students - connect with your college Career Team!



<https://col.st/EKlgz>

Sam Holtshouser

Career Education Manager
She/Her/Hers

Nickey Pietila

Career Education Coordinator
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